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53 CONFIDENTIAL Classification Action Control: 309 Rec'd: NOVEMBER 1, 1960 FE 10:48 AM FROM: TOKYO, Info TO: Secretary of State SS G NO: SP 1314, NOVEMBER 1, 6 PM C L Н SENT DEPARTMENT 1314, REPEATED INFORMATION COMUSJAPAN SBHICOMRYIS UNNUMBERED. IO P CINCPAC AND HICOMRYIS FOR POLADS US IA SCA REPORT OF SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE ON BACKGROUND MOP MAY-JUNE DEMONSTRATIONS TOP STORY LAST NIGHT IN SANUE! AND OCB TOKYO SHIMBUN AND PROMINENTLY PLAYED FRONT PAGES OTHER INR PAPERS. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) AND SOHYO PROMPTLY ISSUED CIA REFUTATIONS DENYING TIES WITH COMMUNISTS. JSP SAID REPORT NSA WAS "SCHEME TO HELP LDP WIN GENERAL ELECTION", POINTED OUT OSD SOHYO HAD VOTED AT THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION TO SUPPORT ONLY ARMY JSP, AND SAID REPORT SHOWED "CONTEMPT OF GENERAL PUBLIC" NAVY BY INTIMATING DEMONSTRATORS SERVED PURPOSE OF COMMUNIST. AIR SOHYO ALSO CHARGED INTERVENTION IN ELECTIONS, AND SAID IT WAS "CONTEMPTIBLE TO BELIEVE EXPENSES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE RMR. MET BY ASSISTANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM".

TONE OF JSP-SOHYO REACTION SUGGESTS SENATE REPORT STRUCK SENSITIVE NERVE IN INDICATING VIEW OF RESPONSIBLE US OFFICIALS THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HIGHLY ORGANIZED EFFORT RATHER THAN SPONTANEOUS OUTBURST OF POPULAR SENTIMENT. NO EDITORIAL REACTION AS YET, BUT RADIO COMMENTATOR, SUSUMU EJIRI, REFERRING TO JSP-SOHYO DENIALS SAID "THERE IS NO NEED FOR REFUTATIONS... ACTUALITIES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND IT CANNOT BE DENIED THESE RIOTS HAD CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNISTS". HOWEVER, TIMING OF RELEASE GIVES JSP AND SOHYO OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC POLITICS IN MIDST OF HOTLY CONTESTED ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

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